Vigo County Historical Society

Terre Haute, Indiana

ANCESTORS OF

Cromwell Wooley Barbour
Corey Barbour
B 1807 — N.Y.
R

PATERNAL

Thomas Barbour (Barber)
B Sept. 22, 1780
M March 3, 1806
D
R

Samuel Barber
B
M
D
R

B
D

Joseph Barber
B
M
D
R

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D

Daniel Barber
B M
D R

B D

Daniel - son of Daniel

B M
D R

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MATERNAL

2nd wife
Eliza Taggart
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B=Born
M=Married
D=Died
R=Resided
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would hardly think of it, unless the attention was specially turned to it. Ninety years is a long time to live, and but few now growing to manhood, and indulging in the dissipations of the times, will ever attain that age. Mr. Barbour's whole life has been one of temperance, industry and activity, and that he is alive to-day is a living proof that temperance, industry and activity are productive of long life.

Few men have been more fortunate through life than Daniel Barbour. He has raised a family of most respectable sons and daughters. He has lived the life of an honest man, and is now in the enjoyment of a handsome competency which adds happiness and comfort to his declining years. It is pleasant to contemplate the history of such a man; and when we sat around his well supplied table, and saw the children, and the grand children, and the great grand children showing so much love and respect for the old gentleman, we could not help thinking that Daniel Barbour, although now well stricken in years, must be a happy man. All around him are the evidences of his industry. He has but to look in any direction from his door, and his cultivated fields, prove the labor of his hands. He has added much to the actual wealth of his country, and now, full of years and in the enjoyment of a vigorous old age, he can look back on a life well, and properly spent.

Once a Week.

WE published a few days ago, the report to the Supervisors of the actual payments by this county for the Normal School building at Englewood. The total was $127,000. The furniture already paid for cost $4,000. The grounds and other improvements will cost a sum making the aggregate not less than $140,000. Yesterday the committee of the Board reported that the annual expense of the school to the county would be: For teachers' salaries, $7,700; janitor, $1,200; coal and incidentals, $1,100. Total, $10,000. The interest on the cost of the building at 7 per cent (the county is paying 10 per cent.) amounts annually to $9,800, making the total annual cost of running the school $20,000. The average three, making a cost per scholar of $660 a year to the tax-payers of Cook county. The school is open to Wisconsin, Iowa and Indiana, whose pupils are charged $30 per annum each, but those belonging to Cook county have to be paid for by the county at the rate of $660 each.

This whole thing, from beginning to end, has been a fraud upon the public. It originated in a desire to pension some persons upon the public treasury, and then became a real estate speculation. Both objects have been successful, but the public has been saddled with an annual debt of $20,000 to educate from [illegible] persons. The Supervisors might do worse than to close the school, and appropriate $30 per head to pay the cost of educating each student at Bloomington. The building might be sold or rented to the city for a Reform School, or it might be, with considerable saving, donated to the town of Englewood.—*Chicago Times.*

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The Evening Gazette

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 1870.

The Birthday of an old Pioneer.

The reunion of the family of Mr. Daniel Barbour, at his residence in Fayette township in this county, on last Thursday, was a most delightful affair. The occasion was the 90th anniversary of the birth of Mr. Barbour, and about fifty of his descendants set down to his most beautiful table. Mrs. Barbour, in her 83d year, and 65 years since they were married was at the table seemingly as young and vivacious as some of her descendants.

This is a very old couple; perhaps the oldest in this county, and they are likewise among the very first settlers of this county. Away back in 1817 Mr. and Mrs. Barbour embarked at Olean Point in the State of New York, and coming down the rivers in a pirouge, they landed in some three months thereafter, at Evansville. There was no "Evansville" there then, and only two or three houses marked the site where that flourishing little city now stands. From Evansville they pushed their way, by slow and laborious steps to this county, and finally settled on the very piece of land where they now reside, and where they have lived ever since.

It is charming to hear Mr. Barbour talk of the early life of this region. How he swam his horse across the prairie, not far from where the Terre Haute House now stands. How, and why he passed through Fort Harrison and Otter Creek prairies, and located on the heavy timber lands of Fayette township. How game of all kinds swarmed this county in those days, and the Red man made the forests all around here, his home.

Just think of it. Mr. Barbour was born in 1780. He is older than this Government and older than the Federal Constitution. He was nine years old when Washington was inaugurated the first President of the United States, and was 16 when he delivered his farewell address. He was old enough to have fought at the battle of Marengo, and was 25 years of age when Napoleon dissolved the coalition, by his great battle of Austerlitz.

Mr. Barbour was married in 1806, nine years before the battle of Waterloo, and two years after Napoleon died at St. Helena he moved on his farm, where he is now living.

We make mention of these things to show how many great events crowd within the liftetime of an old man. One would hardly think of it unless the at-

In order to prove that almost any dream can, with tolerable certainty, be excited by special classes of stimulants, M. Maury caused a series of experiments to be performed on himself when asleep, which afforded very satisfactory results.

First experiment—He caused himself to be tickled with a feather on the lips and on the nostrils. He dreamed that he was subjected to a horrible punishment. A mask of pitch was applied to his face, and then torn roughly off, taking with it the skin of his lips, nose and face.

Second experiment—A pair of tweezers was held at a little distance from his ear, and struck with a pair of scissors. He dreamed that he heard the ringing of bells. This was soon converted into the tocsin, and this suggested the days of June, 1848.

Third experiment—A bottle of eau de cologne was held to his nose. He dreamed that he was in a perfumer's shop. This excited visions of the East; and he dreamed that he was in Cairo, in the shop of Jean Marie Farma. Many surprising adventures occurred to him there, the details of which were forgotten.

Fourth experiment—A burning lucifer match was held close to his nostrils. He dreamed that he was at sea (the wind was blowing in through the windows), and that the magazine in the vessel blew up.

Fifth experiment—He was slightly pinched on the nape of the neck. He dreamed that a blister was applied. And this recalled the recollection of a physician that had treated him in his infancy.

Sixth experiment—A piece of red-hot iron was held close enough to him to communicate a slight sensation of heat. He dreamed that robbers had got into the house, and were forcing the inmates, by putting their feet to the fire, to reveal where their money was. The idea of the robber suggested that of Mme. d'Abrantes, who, he supposed, had taken him for her secretary, and in whose memoirs he had read some account of bandits.

Seventh experiment—The word *parafagaramus* was pronounced in his ear. He understood nothing and awoke with the recollection of a very vague dream. The word *maman* was next used many times. He dreamed of different subjects, but heard a sound like the humming of bees. Several days after, the experiment was repeated with the words *Azor*, *Castor*, *Leonore*. On awakening, he recollected that he had heard the last two words, and had attributed them to one of the persons who had conversed with him in his dream.

Eighth experiment.—A drop of water was allowed to fall on his forehead. He dreamed that he was in Italy, that he was very warm, and that he was drinking wine of Orvieto.

Ninth experiment.—A light, surrounded by a piece of red paper, was repeatedly placed before his eyes. He dreamed of a tempest and lightning, which suggested the remembrance of a storm he had encountered in the English Channel in going from Merlaix to Havre.

These observations are very instructive, inasmuch as they show conclusively that one very important class of our dreams is due to our bodily sensations.—*Once a Week.*

Barbour Family

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DANIEL BARBER

Daniel Barber (6) (Daniel (5); Daniel (4); Joseph (3); Samuel (2); Thomas (1). b. in Washington Co., N.Y. Sept. 22 - 1780; m. 1st Sarah Cory, who d. within a year after their marriage, leaving no issue. Daniel Barber then removed to the town of Champion and on Mch. 3, 1806, m. Eliza Taggart, whose family were from Newport, R. I. He removed to Ft. Harrison, Ind. and settled near Terre Haute. His descendants all live in the West.

Children: -

1. Cory, b. Champion, N.Y., June 1 - 1807.
2. Cromwell Woolsey, b. Champion, N.Y., Sept. 19-1808.
3. Precenia B., d. in infancy.
4. Orson, b. May 5 - 1814.
5. Eliza Ann, born Sept. 25, 1816.
6. Mary, born Oct. 27 - 1818.
7/ Daniel B., born Dec. 2, 1820; m. Martha Cobble; lived on a farm near New Goshen, Ind., where they both died.
8. Ormond, b. Mch. 11, 1824.
9. Sarah, b. Mch. 28, 1828; m. Nelson W. Graham.

REFERENCE: Barber Genealogy - published by John Barber White
edited by Lillian May Wilson.

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Barber, George came from Suffolk co, Framlingham, England to Dedham, Mass.
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Barbour Family

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Daniel Barbour, Sr.
B. Washington, N.Y., Sept. 22, 1780
D. November 25, 1878
M. Elizabeth Taggert, Rhode Island.
B. September 30, 1787
D. March 18, 1882

Children:

1. Cromwell Wolsey Barbour
B. September 19, 1809, Jefferson Co., N.Y.
D. May 5, 1889
M. Dereza Whitcomb, ~~May 1, 1820~~
B. May 1, 1820
D. May 14, 1896

Children:

1. James W.
B. April 7, 1841
D. April 27, 1862
2. Anna E.
3. Emma C.
M. Norton Smith, October 24, 1871
4. Mary
M. Norton Smith, Dayton, Ohio
5. Sarah Louise
B. 1847
D. 1920
6. Susan Whitcomb
B. 1850
D. 1919
7. Raymond W.-B 1853. D 1892
8. Albert

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Barbour Family (cont'd)

Children of Cromwell Wolley Barbour and Derexa. (cont'd)

9. Jennie
   M. N. R. Moore, Paris, Ill.
10. Florence

other Data. Orator of the day, July 4, 1842.
Succeeded Fred Markle as County commissioner
President of Prairie City Bank.

2. Orson Barbour Sr. (Son of ~~Cromwell Wolley Barbour~~ Daniel Barbour, Sr.)

children: 1. Orson Barbour Jr.,
~~children: 1. John N. Barbour~~
B. May 5, 1813, Champion, N. Y.
D. October 6, 1849
2. ~~John N.~~ ~~Children: 1. John N.~~
3. Amelia ~~2. Amelia~~.
M. ——— ~~M.~~ Josiah Collum, December 24, 1843

3. Daniel Barbour, Jr.
B. December 2, 1821
D. November 10, 1893
M. Martha Cobble
children: 1. Nellie
2. Elizabeth
M. John N. Doyle, November 18, 1853
3. Lewis
4. Fannie
5. Faith
4. John N. Barbour.
5. Armand Barbour
M. Martha Clayton, January 21, 1858

Barbour Family (continued)

Children of Daniel Barbour, Sr.

6. Mary Barbour (First white child born in Harrison Township)
   B. October 27, 1818
   M. Dr. N. T. Ketchum

7. Corey Barbour
   B. January 2, 1807, Jefferson Co., N. Y.
   D. February 19, 1879
   M. Sara A.
      B. September 27, 1809
      D. January 30, 1846
   M. Lavantia
      D. May 6, 1853
   M. Margaret A.
      D. August 21, 1855
      Children. 1. Willis S.
         D. August 27 (1855?), age 8 months

Other data: Corey Barbour was in Vigo County in 1817. He was a farmer, residing in Harrison Township

100 new Cloaks; five new Seal Skin Cloaks, and a handsome lot of Shawls.
FELSENHELD & JAURIET.

Good for the St. Clair House.

A vexatious and injurious rumor has been gaining credence in the city, to the effect that Mr. J. B. Hughes, the popular and efficient landlord of the St. Clair house, was going to leave it or that the hotel would be closed. Such, we are glad to state, is not the case. Mr. Hughes has leased the hotel for five years and intends to stay there, all reports to the contrary notwithstanding. The St. Clair ranks among the first hotels of Indiana, and we urge a continuance of the liberal patronage extended to it heretofore. For families desiring boarding it is peculiarly desirable.

Lyon's Katharion

Makes beautiful glossy, luxuriant hair, prevents its falling out and turning gray. It has stood the test of forty years. Is charmingly perfumed, has no rival.

—Be sure and make your engagements for the Red Men's Ball in time for Christmas night.

Farmer's Restaurant.

This elegant establishment under Miller & Cox's clothing store has just been refitted in elegant style. For a first class meal only 35 cents is charged. Day board only $3.50 per week. The table is equal to the best in the city. Oysters only 35 cents a dish with a cup of coffee free.

Call and see the new feathers at Riddle's

BEAUTIFUL!

Parlor and Chamber sets at Harvey's. Cannot describe them. Call and see.

Every young man should send his address to the Evansville Commercial College, corner Third and Main streets, Evansville, Ind., and receive in return a copy of a valuable journal

—And still they come. W. A. Sheap is busy receiving and opening an immense stock of holiday goods, toys of all kinds, candies of all kinds, and a fine mixed candy that he will sell cheap to suit the times; and, remember that he makes the finest taffy, caramels, cocoanut paste, cream figs, butter scotch, and all kinds of fine goods, go give them a trial, and we know you will not buy your candy any where else hereafter.

Riddle sells the cheapest, now.

AUCTION,

Commencing Saturday Evening at 2 O'clock.

The stock is nearly all new, and selected with great care for the wants of the trade. Now is the time to secure articles of necessity and Holiday Presents. For the convenience of plenty of room, the sale will be in the room two doors east of Buntin & Armstrong's drug store, on Main street, Deming's block.

S. R. FREEMAN

—City Hall, Christmas night, Red Men's Ball.

An Old Pioneer Gone.

Daniel Barbour departed this life at his residence, in Fayette township, on the 25th of November, 1876, in the 97th year of his age. The deceased was born in Washington county, New York, September 22, 1780. When a young man he emigrated to Jefferson county, of that state. In 1806, March 3, he married Miss Elizabeth Taggart, with whom he lived until the time of his death, near 71 years. At the age of 37, he disposed of his farm and other property. In the early autumn of 1817, in company with Dr. John Durkee, emigrated with their families to the west, descending the Alleghany from Olean in flat boats, landing at Evansville, Indiana, November 2, thence by wagons to Fort Harrison, then garrisoned with soldiers in command of Maj. Chunn, where they arrived the 7th of December. After building a log cabin on his land, then an unbroken wilderness, the deceased, with his family, took possession the 1st day of January, 1818, where he resided during his long life. These two families were the first, and for a time, the only settlers in what is now known as Fayette township. In habits, he was an early riser, industrious, persevering, always temperate, careful of his health, but not succumbing to storm or exposure when it was necessary to look after his stock or other property. Partly by industry and partly by early investments in land, he left a good property for a farmer. In his dealings with his neighbors, he was careful both to do justice and see that they did justice in return, and it may, with much truth, be said he died without an enemy.

In politics, he was a Whig Republican, but not what is termed a politician. In the war of 1812, he belonged to an independent company of light horse cavalry; and was often called out to defend the frontier. He leaves a widow now in her 90th year, and seven children comfortably settled in life.

—Red Men's Ball, Christmas night, Dec. 25.

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Of Indianapolis, Indiana.
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Liabilities, $18,644.01.
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For a real nice three piece toilet set for one dollar, go to Stahl's 634 Main street between 6th and 7th.

Accommodation Hack

D. Bronson's elegant cabriolet will run as an accommodation hack Will call for parties any place in the city, convey passengers to or from trains or attend entertainments at the lowest rates. Orders may be left at the Bronson House or Wright & Kaufman's. Calls made from 12 o'clock noon to 3 a. m.

Chinchilla Over Coats,
Hold on until you see them—
Ready made won't pay.
In leaving your measure
Strong and durable clothing
That will stand the test
May be had
At W. H. Bannister's, 79 Main street
Send in your measure before

CHRISTMAS.

For $10.00 you can buy a French China Tea set at Stahl's China Store.

Price Riddle's new goods.

The Grand Central Hotel, the largest in New York, has made another innovation, and "tumbles" rates from $4.00 to

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February 20, 1980

We have a file on the Barbour family, and I am sending a couple pages copied from it. There is quite a bit of other material in the file and in the county histories, but the enclosed articles sum up most of the information from the other soureces. This family is frequently listed as the Barber family.

We don't have the Barber Genealogy cited in the first article, but you may be able to find a copy in another library. You might try the Indiana State Library, 140 N. Senate Avenue, Indianapolis IN 46204

It would be a good idea to check in Washington county NY and Newport RI for more information on the families of Daniel Barbour and Elizabeth Taggert. Vital records in the east start much earlier than the records we have here. The 1790 census of Rhode Island listed two Taggarts, Clarke and William, both of whom were in Newport county. Each man had several females in his household, so either of them could have been Elizabeth's father. The index to the 1790 New York census didn't list any Barbours. However, there were many Barbers, including a Daniel in Albany county, Cambridge town, and one in Albany county, Schaghticoke town.

I am also sending a page copied from Vigo County Cemetery Records showing the dates of death for various Barbours. Elizabeth Taggert Barbour is also listed in the WPA's Index to Vigo County Death Records, 1882-1920. Her entry reads: Elizabeth Barbour-F-W-95-March 20, 1882 - H32 - p184. This means that her death certificate is recorded in book H32, page 184 in the Vigo County Health Dept., 120 S. 7th St., Terre Haute IN 47807. The death certificate should give the names of her parents if there was a survivor who knew the information.

I didn't have much success with James S. Clark. He was listed in the 1850 Edgar county, Illinois, census as a 44 year old farmer born in Ross county, Ohio, with a 35 year old wife, Eliza A., born in Jefferson county, New York. The children were Mary, 14; Elizabeth, 12; and Daniel, 8; all born in Vigo county, Indiana; and Charles W., 1; Brazella J., 5; born in Edgar county. The History of Edgar

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County, Illinois, Wm Le Baron Jr & Co, Chicago, 1879, gave a biographical sketch of C. W. Clark. It stated that "his parents, James S. and Mrs. Eliza A. Barbour Clark, were natives of Pennsylvania and New York; they were married in Indiana, near Terre Haute, June 25, 1835, and came to Illinois and settled in Edgar county in 1843; he (James S.) died Aug. 14, 1864; Mrs Clark is living here, on the old homestead, with her son." This statement conflicts with the birth place given for James in the 1850 census, but the census is more likely to be correct as James was alive at that time.

Perhaps the Paris Public Library, 207 S. Main St., Paris, IL 61944, could give you more information on the Clark family. You should also have a search made in Ross county, Ohio records.

You might be able to get in touch with other Barbour and Clark descendants by writing the genealogical query column in the local paper. The address is: Genealogy, Dorothy Clark, Terre Haute Tribune-Star, 721 Wabash Ave., Terre Haute IN 47808.

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Nancy Sherrill

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222 North 7th St.
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Dear Sir:

I am writing this letter in hope you will help me find some of my ancestors. I can not travel the distance to get to your library, so if you will check your files for two families, I would be grateful.

The first name is James S. CLARK who came to Vigo County with his family between 1820 and 1835 from Ross County, Ohio, where he was born in 1805. He married Elizabeth Ann BARBOUR in 1835 and moved to Edgar County, Illinois in 1843. I would like to know who his parents were.

The second name is Daniel BARBOUR who came to Vigo County in 1817 with his wife, Elizabeth TAGGERT, from the Rhode Island area by way of Jefferson County, N.Y. I would like to know the parents names of both. I believe both were born in 1780.

Since these people settled and lived in Vigo County for a long time, I thought you would come nearer having local history on them than anyone else. Cromwell Woolsey BARBOUR was a son of Daniel's and was very prominent in Vigo County. His ancestors of course would be the same as mine.

Thank you for any information you may give me.

Sincerely,

Harry J. Woolf

Harry J. Woolf

Daniel Barbour
TH Daily Express Sept 13, 1870 p4-1 no biog.
BR 119, p35
Barbour Family - copy 2 pages
Barbour Family in 975.592 S p70-72
↘ Culpepper Co VA family
Elizabeth Barbour FW-95 Mar 20, 1882
H-32 p184

Bradsby p241
Daniel Barbour's birthplace given as NY on old settlers list

Barbour Taggert Clark
Bradsby 133, 174, 181, 192, 194, 757, 668 no James
Beckwith 209, 210, 241, 242, 382, 442, 443 0 no James
Oakey v1, 70, 73, 152 v2, 611 no James S.
Csarey v2, p724 0 no Eliz no James
Cem Re p103
Marriage - p25 Clark James & Eliza Ann Barber
Death
Edgar Co ✓
Catch file ✓ 0 0
Family file ✓ 0

COREY BARBOUR Family

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Corey Barbour was born in Jefferson County New York in the year 1807. At the age of ten years he came with his Father to this county and settled in Fayette Township-ten miles north of Terre Haute.

In the year 1829, he moved to his farm of 160 acres just north of the city- he afterwards added another 160 acres to it, and then had probably the best farm in Vigo County. There he lived until his death on the 19th day of February 1879.

Mr. Barbour was an enthusiastic farmer, and took great pride, in always having the best crops, horses- cattle and hogs- and gave great attention to improving the production of his soil.

He was very fond of machinery, and was always on the lookout for improvements in farm machinery. He was the first to introduce in this county the Mowing Machine, Hay Press, Hay Rakes, Riding breaking Plows, Reapers, and etc. He was greatly interested last harvest in a new twine binder. A few weeks ago he was appointed chairman of a committee to test breaking plows, and accepted the position with apparent pleasure.

Mr. Barbour was one of the foremost organizing the Vigo Agricultural Society, he has been most of the time a Dictator, and has served as President and Vice President, at the annual meeting of 1878, he notified the stockholders that he could not serve any longer.

He believed in harvesting his crops always, just at the right time. The Great Harvester has taken him at the age of 72 years, when ripe and ready for the harvest, and before old age had withered or diminished his powers.

Resolved, that in the death of Corey Barbour the Vigo Agricultural Society has lost one of its best and most enthusiastic members, and the Farming community one of its best examples. Resolved, that we extend to his bereaved family our sympathy in this their great sorrow.

Resolved that these resolutions be inscribed on the Record of this Society, and a copy be forwarded to his family.

Respectfully submitted

Jos. Gilbert

Isaac Collyers Committee

Jno. L. Jenckes

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DIED

BARBOUR—At the residence of Mrs. Lucy Wonner, in Fayette township, John H. Barbour, aged 30 years.

Funeral from the residence of Corey Barbour, this (Tuesday) afternoon, at 2 o'clock. Friends of the family are invited to attend without further notice.

SBK V

Died

In this place, on Saturday, the 6th inst., of congestion of the lungs, ORSON BARBOUR, Esq., in the 36th year of his age.

COMMUNICATED.

Perhaps no man in our whole community enjoyed a greater degree of the respect of all than did the deceased. Open and generous in all his relations in life—a warm and sincere *friend*—a kind and affectionate husband—an indulgent and prudent father—mild and courteous in his intercourse in society—familiar and affable in his manners, he so won upon the esteem of all, that his death has left a vacuum, which time alone can only fill.

Orson Barbour was born in Jefferson county, New York, on the 5th of May, in the year 1814, and with his father, Mr. Daniel Barbour, came to this country at an early day—he received a thorough education at our State University; since which time he has been here among us, where as an upright lawyer we all knew him—and knew him but to love him.

The deceased has left a wife (formerly Miss Elizabeth Cookerly,) and four children, to lament his departure—but if respect for the deceased, can console the afflicted, they need not mourn.

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Barbour Family

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VERY OLD AND LONELY — The residence of the Barbour family, east of New Goshen on the Tecumseh road, at the intersection known as Barbour's Corners, is known to have been erected before 1874, stands alone and lonely against a background of leafless trees and cloudy skies. The Barbour family came to Vigo County in the 1820s, probably erecting a cabin on this site. A part of the family later moved to Terre Haute, owning a farm and orchard in the Garfield High School area.

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BARBOUR FAMILY

Barbour Family Among Early Fayette Settlers

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By DOROTHY J. CLARK

Fayette Township, previously known as Independence Township, was established in 1821. The first permanent settler in the township was Daniel Barbour, Sr., who took up land on Section 18 in the latter part of the year 1817.

In 1818 other families came into the township, all from the State of New York, as did the Barbours. Later, families from the Southern States and Irish immigrants came into Fayette and settled in other sections of the township. For several decades the Barbours were the leading family of Fayette Township.

Daniel Barbour, Sr., (1780-1878) was born in Washington, N.Y. His wife, Elizabeth Taggert, (1787-1882) was born in Rhode Island. The oldest of their seven children were born in Jefferson County, New York, and traveled with the family out to Indiana, where the rest of the family were born.

The children of Daniel and Elizabeth (Taggert) Barbour were: Corey Barbour, born in 1807; Cromwell Wolsey Barbour, born in 1809; Orson Barbour, John H. Barbour, Armand Barbour, Mary Barbara and Daniel Barbour, Jr.

Early in the year 1817 the Barbour family embarked at Olean Point in New York and came down the rivers in a pirouge. They landed some three months later at Evansville when only two or three houses marked the site of the town. Slowly they made their way to Vigo County (which was still part of Sullivan County before 1818) and settled on the land where they lived all their lives.

DOROTHY J. CLARK

Mr. Barbour told of swimming his horse across the prairie east of Terre Haute, not far from where the Terre Haute House now stands. He passed through Fort Harrison and Otter Creek prairies, and located on the heavy timber lands of Fayette Township. Game of all kinds swarmed this county in those days and Indians made the forests their home.

From the times of the colonists, the Barbours were a strong and vigorous breed of men. Daniel Barbour was a model pioneer, temperate, industrious, and raised a fine family of sons and daughters.

On Barbour's Prairie near the banks of the Wabash was an Indian village on the south side of Broulette creek, so named for a Frenchman who traded with and lived among the Indians in the early days. Broulette once was obliged to "run the gauntlet" after the Indian fashion.

The first school house in Fayette township was of logs, and was erected in 1818 on Section 18. Here John Miles taught the first school, and here the first sermon was preached by Rev. Joseph Curtis.

Corey Barbour (1807-1879) came from New York with his father in 1817, and became a farmer, living on land bought by his father in 1826, in the old homestead. He was probably the first magistrate in the township, or among the first as this distinction was also claimed for Elisha Parsons. Barbour served prior to 1830.

One of his decisions has given rise to a somewhat whimsical adage. It is a matter of fact on record among the archives in Terre Haute that a road was laid out from Terre Haute to Section 16 in Fayette township, terminating at a "red-oak tree."

Someone had fenced in this tree, claiming that it was on the side and not in the center of the line of the road. A law suit grew out of the dispute which arose. The saying referred to expresses the idea that when a road is so indefinite as to go nowhere, "it goes to a red-oak tree."

Corey Barbour was one of the packers of pork in this country, and made many trips to New Orleans with shipments of pork, corn and hay.

Another son, the Hon. Cromwell Wolsey Barbour (1809-1889), also came with the family in 1817. He helped on the farm until he was 21 years of age. His father sent him to Bloomington College (State

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University) from 1829 to 1832. Then he entered the law office of Judge Isaac Black at Indianapolis where he read law. In May, 1835, he was licensed to practice law and began his career in Terrre Haute where he formed a partnership with Hon. Richard W. Thompson. He continued to practice law until April, 1861 when he moved to his 160-acre farm which he had purchased in 1852.

C. W. Barbour was the county commissioner for school lands a leader in public education. In 1850 he was a member of the constitutional convention. In November, 1852 when the Prairie City Bank of Terre Haute was organized, he was elected President and served until 1857. In 1880 he owned 350 acres.

In 1840 C. W. Barbour married the Governor's niece, Derexa Whitcomb, the daughter of Benjamin R. and Anna Whitcomb of Ohio. They had eight children: Emma C., Mary E., S. Louise, Susan W. W., Raymond, H. Albert, Jennie and Florence E.

The first white child born in the township was Mary (or Eliza) Barbour, born Oct. 27, 1818, the daughter of Daniel Barbour Sr. She later became the wife of Dr. H. T. Ketchum.

Not too much is known about the other children of Daniel Barbour, Sr. Orson Barbour had three children. Daniel Barbour, Jr., married Martha Cobble and had five children. He was the youngest child born in 1821 and died 1893. Armand Barbour married Martha Clayton. Corey Barbour's wife was named Lora, and there is no record of children.

On the 90th birthday of the old pioneer, Daniel, Sr., a family reunion was held and 50 of his descendants sat down to a bountiful table. Mrs. Barbour was 83 years old, and this pioneer couple had been married 65 years. On this occasion Mr. Barbour, born in 1780, was older than this government, older than the Federal Constitution. He was nine years old when Washington was inaugurated as first president and was sixteen when he delivered his farewell address. Mr. Barbour lived to be 94 years old and passed away in 1875. He is buried in the Barbour Cemetery in Section 18, the first cemetery established in Fayette Township. The coming together of the county and state roads in that area is still called Barbour's Corners.

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Resolved, That in the death of Corey Barbour the Vigo Agricultural Society - has lost one of its best & most enthusiastic members - And the Farming community one of its best examples -

Resolved, That we extend to his bereived family our sympathy in this their great sorrow -

Resolved That these resolutions be inscribed on the Record of this Society - and a copy be forwarded to his family -

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